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### New Guidelines for Conservation Management Plans (NSW)

In July 2019, the Heritage Council of NSW commenced a review of current conservation management plan (CMP) practices in NSW and how the practice, tools and processes can be improved and streamlined. An Australian consultancy was engaged to undertake consultation with sector stakeholders, both government and non-government end users and asset types, and to simplify and improve the CMP processes and procedures.

Following the Heritage Council's endorsement of recommendations from its Review of Conservation Management Practices, the Council authorised preparation of new guidelines and supporting material.

The new suite of guidelines can be accessed here:

- [Statement of Best Practice for Conservation Management Plans](#)
- [Statement of Best Practice for Heritage Asset Action Plans](#)
- [Guidance on Developing a Conservation Management Plan](#)
- [Conservation Management Plan Checklist](#)
- [Conservation Management Plan Consultant Model Brief](#)

More information at: <https://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/protecting-our-heritage/conservation-management-plans/>

### Engineering Heritage Australia Magazine – September 2021

Margret Doring the editor of the magazine, advises that the September issue of the EHA Magazine is now on line.

Water plays a pivotal role in most of the stories in this volume - they cover a shipwreck, water supplies in two cities, public health engineering, and flood damage to a bridge.

The first story is about the paddle steamer *SS Phoenix* thought to be the first steam ship to be built in Sydney. She was launched in 1846 and plied the NSW coast until 1852, when she was wrecked on the Clarence River bar.

Then we learn about Edward Bell, Sydney City Engineer from 1856 to 1870. Among other projects, Bell designed and developed Sydney's third (and first major) water supply infrastructure, some of which is still in use 160 years later.

The next story is about the development of efficient water supplies, sewerage and drainage to overcome a typhoid epidemic in late 19<sup>th</sup> Century Perth, WA.

And another story records the damage wrought by the great 1950 flood to the railway bridge and viaduct across the Macleay River flood plain at Kempsey NSW, cutting rail access

between Sydney and Brisbane. The story is chiefly about how repairs to the viaduct were carried out in only 57 days.

The September magazine and all previous issues can be found at: <https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/Communities-And-Groups/Special-Interest-Groups/Engineering-Heritage-Australia/Previous-Magazines>

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### ***Contributions needed***

*Readers are invited to share news, bright ideas, issues of concern, advice about online talks – anything that would be of interest and helpful to others, by sending them to Michael at [m.clarke32@optusnet.com.au](mailto:m.clarke32@optusnet.com.au) for inclusion in the next Bulletin - more Australia-wide content would be appreciated.*

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